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In re Application of:                    Scott R. Runnels  
Date Filed:                                October 24, 2000  
Title:                                        LARGE AREA PATTERN EROSION  
   SIMULATOR

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/124,339, filed July 29, 1998 by Scott R. Runnels and entitled "Method and System for Modeling, Predicting and Optimizing Chemical Mechanical Polishing Pad Wear and Extending Pad Life", be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation-in-part patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished. Furthermore,

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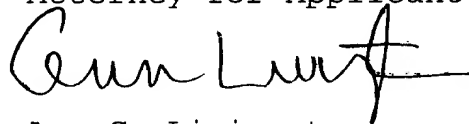
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pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Applicant believes no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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